

# APAKS CONFIDENT ON EVE OF BATTLE WITH STREATOR "Y"

FAST OTTAWA TEAM RARIN TO TEAR INTO OPPOSITION MONDAY AFTERNOON. GAME TO BE PLAYED ON ENEMY LOT.

When the Ottawa Apak-Triangles smash into action on New Year's afternoon with the Streater All-Stars in a basketball game between the two towns to be played on Streater's floor one of the best games ever staged in this section of the state is expected. The Streatorites have left no stone unturned in preparation for what they consider the biggest basketball match of the season.

Nightly the "Y" team has gone through practice and their backers claim Ottawa will be "soup" for them. Streater's hopes to put Rus Daugherty in the line-up were knocked when it was announced that the U. of I. rules barred him from playing.

According to reports from Streater the team to represent that village on the big day will be composed of some great stars. I. D. Pennoek of the Streater "Y" who hails from the Illinois Wesleyan College is featured by the Streater outfit. If Pennoek fails Streater will fall for he is the ace and it is on him they bank their hopes.

Morey Abrams a good friend of "Tote" Carey is scheduled to perform at one forward for the Streater outfit with Pennoek. Center Ralph Haldeman will perform and the Streatorites claim he is a whiz.

George Hamrin, George Sopher, Don Anderson and Stewart Black will comprise the rest of the Streater squad. With the afore named outfit the Hardscrabble gang expects to hand the locals the worst lacing they have ever received.

Six star players that constitute the regular roster of the Ottawa outfit will make the trip and they may be accompanied by an additional player or two not to play but just for appearances for the locals feel confident of victory with their regular outfit on the floor. Besides Captain Bob Hilliard, Pat Carr, Tom Carey, Palmer Byrne, John Meckenstock and Gilbert Goodman will trek to Streater.

## EARLVILLE WALLOPS YORKVILLE 34 TO 18

Earlville High Basket Toesers tucked away another victory, Thursday night, Dec. 28th, when they met and defeated Yorkville by a 34 to 18 score. The Yorkville five is a fast fighting bunch, but they had to admit defeat when they met a team of much superior ability. The outstanding feature of the game played by the Earlville quintet, as their fast team work in passing and working the ball down under their own goal, and although many shots were missed, this brilliant team work most always scores a victory for the boys. The following box score tells the story in full:

	B.	FT.	P.	T.
Zimmerman, rt.	6	0	0	0
Beale, lf.	0	0	2	0
Kossert, c.	8	0	0	0
Meinke, rg.	1	0	2	0
Conklin, lg.	2	0	0	0
	B.	FT.	P.	T.
Jones, lg.	0	0	0	0
Conover, rg.	0	0	1	0
Armbruster, c.	0	0	0	0
Serby, c.	0	0	0	0
Hutchinson, lf.	2	0	1	0
Beecher, rt.	4	6	0	0

Earlville plays Rollo High Saturday night, Dec. 30, at Rollo. This is a return game and promises to be a dandy, as the Rolloites are fast and heady. Earl defeated this team on

## Sports Squibs

Herbert Steger, football star of the University of Michigan, yesterday continued to improve in condition following a recent operation for appendicitis. Unless an unexpected relapse is encountered, physicians announced Steger will be able to leave the hospital in a few days.

Paris.—The Municipal court today decided to maintain its subvention of 1,000,000 francs for 1924 Olympic games, but refused to increase the amount which was originally voted on the understanding that the Olympic games would be staged in the Pershing stadium.

A stadium especially designed for the games is now under construction at Columbus.

New York.—The call for the annual meeting of the United States Golf association has been issued by C. S. Lee, secretary of the organization. The meeting will be held this year at Pittsburgh, Jan. 13.

Asa Long, of Toledo, 19 year old checker champion of the United States, will play in Chicago Sunday against any and all comers. He will play at the South Side Checker club rooms, 642 South Dearborn street, at 3 p. m.

The champion will play simultaneously against all challengers. Long won the national championship at Boston in October.

Indianapolis.—American league national headquarters have received a check for \$20,352.10 from K. M. Lundis, as the organizations' share in the proceeds of the tie game in the last world's series.

Matty Fitzpatrick, for twenty years an umpire in the minor leagues, plans to lay aside his mask and chest protector next season to enter business here.

Fitzpatrick has officiated in the Western league for the last three seasons.

Omaha.—Billy Miske of St. Paul, heavyweight, and Harry Foley of Hot Springs, will meet in a ten round bout here Jan. 12, under the auspices of the American Legion post, according to J. J. Isaacson, the post match-maker.

San Francisco.—M. H. Lord, 51, a sports writer on the San Francisco Bulletin since 1908, died on the operating table at a hospital here yesterday.

part of the army? (12345 7890 7890 West Point.—Fencing will be a part of the army's sport program this winter.

Years ago army excelled among the colleges in this branch of sport and has several intercollegiate championships.

New Haven.—(Special).—The National figure ice skating championship tournament will be held here Feb. 15 and 16, it was announced. Ottawa has applied for the international dates have been settled: 1234 5789 championship tournament, but no dates have been set for it.

State College, Pa.—Coach Lawson, of the Penn track team expects Elmer McLane, who finished fifth in the recent intercollegiate run to be a star in the various indoor meets this winter.

McLane did remarkably well over the boards in New York, Boston and Baltimore last season and the coach believes he will improve in his second year.

San Francisco.—The new Tauran racetrack near San Francisco in the course of construction, will open in May, according to announcement by the director.

Galesburg.—Knox college basketball men are putting in a hard week

their home floor a couple of weeks ago. It seems too bad that Earlville is unable to secure dates with some of the surrounding large cities.

of practice in preparation for the trip east which starts Sunday. Ten players will go and the first game will be at Dartmouth Jan. 3.

Kewanee.—The bowling bug has stung the fair sex of Kewanee. Organization of a ladies' bowling league here promises to equally divide the interest.

New York.—Charlie White, recent lightweight victor over Richie Mitchell, is scheduled to meet Rock Kansas of Buffalo in the garden here on Jan. 29.

Louisville.—The Louisville American Association club will go into its spring training for the 1923 season March 19 at Dawson Springs, Ky. The St. Paul club has made Dawson Springs its training ground on two occasions.

Springfield, Mass.—William Hayes, former national A. A. U. sprint champion and middle west conference record holder in both the 100 and 220 yard dashes, will be coach of the De Pauw university track team.

## "DOPE" NEARLY UPSET IN POOL TOURNEY

Last Night. Tourney results: Becker beat Kotsonis, 100-89. Clark beat O'Connell, 100-63.

New Year's Afternoon. Sheehan vs. Jackson. Count vs. Johnson.

With the start of the second round of Packenham's pool tourney two of the best games yet were put on in both of which the winners were behind at the half way string. In the second game of the program it looked for a while as though Maynard Clark, the favorite, was due to be defeated.

In the first fracas of the evening Kotsonis appeared to be running away from Becker and it looked like his game at the fifty string when he had a 50-30 lead. However, Kotsonis went off form about this time and before he realized Becker was on his heels. But Kotsonis picked up more strength and shot to the front by a good run and led Becker for a couple of shots. Becker then again stepped into the lead, which he maintained until the end. Nine scratches in the last half of the game didn't do Kot-

sonis much good. It was his scratching that cost him the game.

Kotsonis' high run was fourteen while Becker stroked off a ten for his best but the regularity of Becker's shooting is what saved the day for him and enabled him to beat his opponent and fight his way into the semi-finals to meet Clark.

In the second encounter of the evening Clark, the favorite, was quite off form. O'Connell became rattled at times with the result that he blew some very easy shots.

On one occasion O'Connell was leading Clark by over thirty points and had the favorite in a precarious position. Then Clark found himself for an instant and clicked off a run of eleven and another of nine, besides a couple of smaller ones. O'Connell still held a small lead and at the middle string was 50 to 46. O'Connell maintained the lead up until the good bye and started away. O'Connell was able to score just six more points during the game while Clark pilled a total of 44 which easily copied victory for him. O'Connell's high run was a 9 while Clark secured a 12, several 11s, a couple of 10's and a few 9's that totaled most of his points.

## FOUR CHAMPS LOSE TITLES DURING 1922

Four champions were separated from their titles during a rather tumultuous year in boxing. Johnny Buff was a victim of two major operations. The reigning sensation, how-

ever, was the stunning knockout of Georges Carpentier by Battling Siki, a half savage from Senegal, in a bout for the world's light heavyweight championship. The so-called "orchid man" was a 10 to 1 shot before the bout, but Siki led all the way after the second round and scored a clean knockout in the sixth.

Charges and counter-charges were aired after the affair, each accusing the other of foul tactics. Only a short time ago the Senegalese, suspended and deprived of his title by the French authorities for unbecoming conduct, gave out a statement to the effect that the bout was framed. The question of a return fight is being considered.

This was only one of many bouts in which form turned handsprings. A case in point was the Mickey Walker-Jack Britton fight, in which the welterweight title changed hands. Britton was an odd on favorite until a short time before the men entered the ring, when the betting shifted suddenly to Walker.

Walker Wins Easily.

Because of this the New York State Athletic Commission called off all bets, an unprecedented action so far as modern pugilism is concerned. Walker easily earned the decision, buffeting Britton all over the ring during the last nine rounds.

At the start of the year Buff was the proud owner of the world's bantamweight and the American flyweight titles, and at the end he owns neither. Joe Lynch derived him of the bantamweight belt by scoring a knockout in the thirteenth round, and a little brown man from the rice paddies of the Philippines subsequently came along to flatten Buff for the long count in the tenth round, thus acquiring the

flyweight title. The little brown man was Panchito Villa, unknown and un-ling twelve months before.

Tunney Succumbs.

Another dethroned champion was Gene Tunney. In an unguarded moment Gene allowed himself to be inveigled into a match with Harry Grob, with the American light-heavyweight title at stake, and Grob failed his way to an easy victory at the end of fifteen rounds. At the end Tunney's face had been reduced to human hamburger.

Jack Dempsey signed an agreement to meet Harry Wills for the heavy-weight title, at the insistence of the New York State Athletic Commission, but nothing has come of it. The commission had set a precedent in this respect by suspending Johnny Kilbane and Johnny Wilson for failure to accept challenges for their respective featherweight and middleweight titles.

Both championships were declared vacated, but this decision was not accepted in other States.

MADIGAN Benny Leonard had his most active year since falling heir to the lightweight crown. This he defended successfully against Rocky Kanas, Ever Hammer and Lew Tendler, the last named collaborating in the greatest lightweight attraction since Gans first met Nelson. At the end of twelve no-decision rounds Leonard was awarded the unofficial verdict by a great majority of the critics, although Tendler had the champion in distress in the eighth round. A crowd of nearly 80,000 witnessed the bout, the greatest affair between Dempsey and Carpentier.

Swallow Useful to Humanity. One swallow devours about 6,000 insects a day.

# NEW YEAR'S A Happy New Year To All

We hope the past year has been a successful one for you, and that you'll continue to climb up the hill of prosperity during the years to come.

In putting on full sail for the New Year, don't forget your "ballast;" be sure you carry full Fire Insurance.

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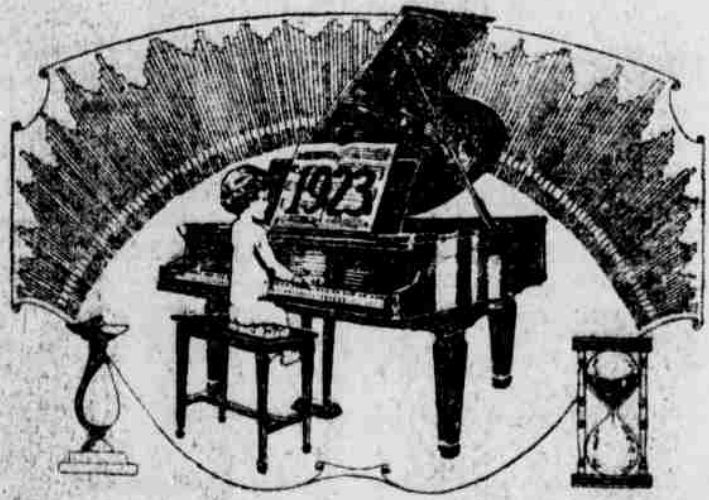
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